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FOR AMBASSADOR SHULMAN FROM LUERS

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SUBJECT: PRISONER EXCHANGE - STATUS REPORT

1. FOLLOWING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY.
2. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE NOW TO RELEASE ROBERT THOMPSON TO VOGEL IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 30. THEY WILL THEN TRAVEL TO EAST BERLIN. BEFORE THOMPSON AND VOGEL LEAVE NEW YORK, ALAN VAN NORMAN WILL BE RELEASED TO US IN WEST BERLIN. MEANWHILE WE PLAN TO OPEN DIRECT TALKS WITH THE CUBANS ON THE LUNT/LEBRON EXCHANGE AND THE RELEASE OF MARCUS FROM MOZAMBIQUE HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THIS SUNDAY.

3. VOGEL WILL ARRIVE IN THE U.S. ON APRIL 26 AND WILL BE
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MEETING WITH GILMAN AND KALMANOVICH EITHER THAT DAY OR THE DAY AFTER. I PLAN TO BE PRESENT ALONG WITH LAWYER AND OTHERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN EXCHANGES. WE WILL LISTEN TO VOGEL ON HIS IDEAS ABOUT SHCHARANSKIY AND I WILL HOPE TO ARRANGE FOR HIM TO TALK ABOUT THE SHCHARANSKIY CASE WITHOUT THE OTHERS PRESENT.

4. WE WILL BE ADDING THE OTHER NAME TO THE PACKAGE PRIOR
TO VOGEL'S ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. BUT ARE NOT, OBVIOUSLY,
OPTIMISTIC. CHRISTOPHER

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